

**Thursday, February 11, 2010
Michigan Tile & Carpet, Community Room
7-9:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order / Time Convened: 7:00 p.m.

2. Attendance: All present signed in? Yes

Members: Cynde Foster, Phyllis Hopkins, Joel Fulton, Susanne Moreno-Thurman, Jim Nelson, Gloria Russo, Kirk Scott, and Tim Conlogue

Absent: See Excused

Excused: Vice-Mayor Chris Simmons

City Officials: Susan Bedsole and Ward 4 Commissioner Elizabeth Fulton

Guests: Steve Jenkins and Kathy Griffey – BCPS; Laura S Otte of the Substance Abuse Council

3. Addition or Deletions to the Agenda: None.

4. Approval of the Previous Minutes: Motion by Gloria Russo to Approve minutes from January 2010 as submitted seconded by Susanne Moreno-Thurman and motion carried.

5. Correspondence and Announcements:

6. Speakers: Laura S Otte of the Substance Abuse Council spoke about the efforts of the Council to prevent underage drinking and the grant recently received to research and specifically target the needs in our area and design specific programs to meet those needs and help further reduce the incidence of underage drinking. Surveys were distributed.

7. City Staff Reports:

- a. Golden Service Reports: Code Report: Susan Bedsole – NSP #1 went out for bid and came back in for 91 properties; the expected expenditure was \$1.5 million but came in at \$500,000; the city will seek to demolish another 100 houses.
- b. Police Department: No officer was present.

Committee Reports: Tim Conlogue and Trudy Hall, the nominating committee, came with nominations as follows:

Chairman: Joel Fulton; there were no additional nominations from the floor. Joel Fulton was unanimously elected chairman by voice vote.

Vice-Chairman: Phyllis Hopkins; Tim Conlogue was nominated from the floor (due to his short tenure, his eligibility to hold this office was questioned. Upon review of the by-laws nothing prevents him from holding this office so his nomination stands per the Chairman.) Phyllis Hopkins withdrew her nomination and Tim Conlogue was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman by voice vote.

Secretary: None at this time and this seat is open.

a. Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Fulton reported that there were going to be some difficult decisions soon coming and the budget issues would be particularly difficult. Also discussed was the closing of a section of Jackson Street at the request of Kellogg's.

b. Schools: Jim Nelson and Kathy Griffey spoke about the Lakeview Public Schools and Battle Creek Public Schools respectively.

d. Membership (new additions/deletions): Commissioner Elizabeth Fulton's has been approved.

e. Beautiful Battle Creek Award:

8. Old Business to be finalized: Gloria Russo still getting information about Regional Health Alliance and possibly a guest speaker.

9. New Business: None.

10. New Business for Future Meetings: Committee to be assigned to review the NPC#3 By-laws to see if any changes need to be made.

11. Public /Guest Comments? None.

12. Members Comments? Tim Conologue mentioned a fundraiser for an individual who was diagnosed with a rare cancer and passed our a flyer. Gloria mentioned a fundraiser to benefit the American Red Cross.

13. Adjournment (Time 8:16 pm) BY: Susan Moreno-Thurman moved and Vice Chair Phyllis Hopkins seconded.

14. Next Meeting: April 15, 2010, Michigan Tile & Carpet, Community Room, 99 East Columbia Avenue, Battle Creek, MI 49015

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